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THERE IS NO PEACE

The Oregonian summarizes: There is civil war in China. Japan is fighting bolthevists in

Siberia. Greeks are fighting Turks in Asia

Spain is fighting Moors in the

Rif district of Morocco, Irish fight Irish on the island which a poet has called "a littlbit of heaven."

Hindus aud Moslems riot in India.

The treaties entered into at Washington are already being treated as "scraps of paper." Japan is building forts and increas. ing her armies in Siberia, in direct violation of her engagements at this summer, as she promised.

David L. George, prime minister of England, says:

America could exercise an influence no other country could command. She could come here free and disentangled and with the prestig; which comes from her in. dependent position she would come with the voice of peace. Russia and Germany combined contain over two-thirds of the people of E prope. Their voice will be heard and the Russo-German treaty is the first warning of it. I wish America were here! We want America because she excerises psculiar authority. Her very aloofness gives her the right to speak

When the nations met at Verstilles the United States was held ia such esteem by the other powers of the world that its representative in the supreme council was able to overcome the selfishness of the the traffic law that there is likely others to the point that justice in- to be a movement for more comfortstead of might was recognized as able jails. These people are like the basis of international settle- the Cornish miners who, when ments. World peace came nearer told about hell and that they were to being assured then than in the headed there, planned, when ages that had passed. And then, they should arrive, to "run a by a majority of the one \$160,000 flune in and make the --- place vote of Newberry, the senate comfortable." scrapped the league and the way is open for another world war with Germany and Russia against the

AHEAD OF THE TIMES

land, is more than on time. It o'clock is 7. sends out an optimistic booster sheet of short items regarding Ore-

Orders for woolen fabrics have been booked far ahead by the years of idleness, Reopening of candidate. the plant was marked by elaborate ceremonies. It gave immediate employment to more than 100 people.

We note a few inaccuracies here: there is no woolen-mill machinery only men voting. at Brownsville, so far as we know.

About a week after the celebrafrom the ewners of a mill which on what was due him as long ago had closed down. Otherwise the as that. news item is correct.

the associated Industries, fearing a "curious fact." It is no more that some prejudiced reader may curious, with one auto to every think we prevaricate,

testified Brownsville's joy at the the railroads came.

prospect that the mills may be opened by September next Mr. Bowman, who owns the property, said:

The woolen mill is nowhere near ready to be dedicated. In fact, we are just beginning to re-nodel the old buildings but I can assure you that, when they are finished, with new wiedows, new roofs, new floors, and several new ouildings and all of them painted white, they will look quite differat from what they do tonight.

EVERYTHING BY TURNS

Pete Beebe was indicted for the nurder of two men. On his trial on one charge, fearing he would escape by the plea of insanity, the prosecution argued that he was sane. He was acquitted on the ground of Insanity and the prose oution, to prevent his gettitg out on bail, had the other indictment lismissed and sent him to the insane asylum, though the superintendent there protested that the man was sane.

Now, to furnish some more amusement at court, he is reindicted and is to be brought back for trial on the theory that he is sane. And if another jury acquits him Washington. She is evincing no those who are trying to prove him intention to get out of Shantung sane will probably try as hard to prove him insane.

Such is law and such are lawyers.

The fool free seed clause was retored to the agricultural appropriation by the senate after its committee had cut it out. The vote in the senate was 30 to 31. That does not mean that nearly half of the senators voting put common buisness sense into their legislative work. More likely the controlling argument was "you vote for my graft and I'll vote for yours." The amount involved was only \$360,000, which is insignificant compared with what our lawmakers waste in other ways.

So many influential people are being sent to jails for endangering other people's lives by violating

President Harding has the sound sense to discountenance the "dayworld and with the outcome doubt- light saving' fad. Setting clocks wrong will not increase the amount of daylight a particle, and anyone who is not too lazy to get up early The Associated Industries of in the morning can do so just as Eregon, 702 Oregon building, Port- well without pretending that 6

gon indestries for the use of the on the ground that the winning The primary law is being opposed newspapers of the state. Here is candidate is sometimes the choice a sample received by the Enter- of only a minority of the members of the party. Under the old convention system a still smaller Brownsville woolen mills, which minority-two or three big bosses recently reopened after several of the party-usually selected the

The prohibition party is the only one with more female than male voters, and the females are more No orders have been booked for than 2 to 1. That indicates what fabrics from the mills. They have the pouplar vote will do with pronot recently reopened. The reopen- posed constitutional amendments ing did not give employment to to make the prohibitory law more 100 people nor to any. In fact, lax, That law was passed with

It is pleasing to read that Lenine it was announced that two carloads had a bullet extracted from his of machinery had arrived at the body the other day because the mill and twelve loads more were news item also records that he has on the way from Bandon, where carried that bullet three years, Mr. Bowman purchased them showing that he got an installment

We hesitate to use any of the An exchange calls the shrinkage other industrial items sent us by of railroad milage in the past year two families, than was the sbrink- est American illustrators, deplores

WHERE YOUR TAXES GO

(by Edward G. Lowry)

INCOMPETENTS ARE KEPT

The annual turnover in the government service is something almost incredible. No business corporation, however strongly established, could long endure the heavy annual drain on its resources. Hundreds of men leave the government service daily; and new, untrained people have to be taken on and taught to do the work. This costs money, as every employer knows.

The resignations from the government service are chiefly from the supervisory and most highly paid positions and from the very lowest grades, The men at the top, if they have any initiative or ability or ambition to make a name for themselves, are offered private employment at double or treble or more what the government can pay them. The people in the lowest grades leave for private employment when opportunity affords because in too many instances they actually cannot keep body and sou' together on their government pay.

It is the people in the middle class who stay on the longest. The whole constant process makes for a steady deterioration in the quality of the government service and tends to retain the mediocre in public employ-

The civil service commission, through which the great bulk of government employees are brought into the serv ice, is acutely aware of this condition Its reports give emphasis to the difficulty constantly experienced in securing and retaining competent employees. The rotation in office has become increasingly frequent and vitally impairs the efficiency of the service.

During the war there was a lower rate of turnover in the mechanical forces than in outside establishments. The proposition of separations, however, is excessive in clerical, professional and technical positions, in which the rate of turnover sometimes amounts to a third of the force in

During the nine months preceding the armistice more than 60,000 ap pointments were made in the civil service and about 28,000 separations occurred-that is, for every two appointments made one person left the service. For a period of similar length following the armistice only 60 per cent as many appointments were made, but there were nearly 33 per cent more separations. In this period almost as many positions were vacated as were

The exigencies of the war required a great expansion of the clerical forces at Washington and elsewhere and this was accomplished by a labor turnover several times above normal The percentage of declinations of appointments among eligibles on the civil service register increased in many instances from 30 to more than 50 per cent-that is, more than half the men and women who successfully passed civil service examinations and were offered jobs under the government re-fused to take them. It is estimated that more than 950,000 of those whe met the test were appointed during

The civil service commission says

Those familiar with the federal service at Washington know that the service is now hampered by the retention of incompetents whose removal is rendered difficult by influences which are incompatible with the efficlency of the service. Preferences and exemptions increasingly clog the departments with persons who, no matter how inefficient, are difficult to remove, and whose retention tends to destroy the discipline of the service."

Among these inefficients, of course are the superannuated and the physically incapacitated. The bureau of efficiency estimated, before the passage of the superannuation retirement law, the number of employees in the civil service of the United States seventy years of age and over as follows:

Railway postal clerks
Rural letter carriers.
City letter carriers.
Post office clerks. General employees, Dist. Columbia..1,484 General employees elsewhere.......1,613

The commissioner of pensions supplies the following compact statement of the age of the employees in the pension bureau:

Number in the classified civil service, 874; age of the oldest employee, eighty-eight; number over eighty years of age, 26; number between sixty-five and eighty, 266; based on age of sixtyfive, number eligible for retirement 292; percentage of employees eligible for retirement, 33.4; average age of all

employees, July 1, 1919, fifty-eight. These old men and women bear the burden of the administration of the complex, intricate and involved procedure under the pension laws having to do with the disbursement of \$222, 159,292 in 1920 to 600,000 and some odd beneficiaries.

One Lunger is a formidable can didate for the state senate from Yambill county. What would be do if he had two sound lungs?

Joseph Pennell, one of the great. At the great celebration which age in stage-coach business when prohibition and says that drink tall bachelor of about fourty-five, Everything at bargain prices.

can believe him. Sometimes the inspiration does not stop short of delirium tremens.

Opinion is Everything. Consider that everything is opinion and opinion is in thy power. Take away, then, when thou choosest, thy opinion, and like a mariner who has doubled the promontory, thou wilt find calm, everything stable, and a waveless bay,—Marcus Aurelius An-

School Essays

(By Louise Robnett, English 4)

I sit alone in the moonlight Sazing at the velvety sky.

earthly world, And soar up where the stars are dejected bachelor. curled.

I think of God and his love, And how he is waiting above For all who will accept of him,

And my soul yearns for that coming time When I shall go to dwell with him entered his much bewildered head on high.

(By Grace Kirk, English 4) Mr. Hanley's New Fence:

Pretty little Mrs. Osborne sat on the large, cool, vine-covered front porch of her home mending stockngs. As she rocked aimlessly to and fro, she thought of Jamie who was always into mischief.

Just then she heard the click of the front gate. School had been dismissed and Jamie was here. He was coming up the flowerbordered path, whistling a tune. Jamie was a pug-nosed, red-eaded lad of about twelve years. A cap adorned his shock of towsled hair. In one hand he carried a book and in the other a bucket of red paint. He seemed greatly

elated over something.

'Now won't I just fix that old man? He just thinks he can do anything. Well, I'll just show that poor old fellow. Won't he rave when he sees it? It will be about the biggest joke they ever had on him. Ha! ha!"

"Why, Jamie, dear, what under he sun are you talking about? Oh I just know that you are going to get into some kind of trouble You don't realize how much I worry over you." said his poor mother.

"Ma, what do you want to worry about me for? Don't you think I am old 'nough to take care of myself? Why, I'm twelve years old and goin' on thirteen, Now ain't

"Jamie, Jamie, when will you ever quit using that word ain't?" remonstrated Mrs. Osborne. "Well, I guess this is a

country," retorted her son. Jamie then left the porch, taking his bucket of paint with him, slammed the little gate and disappeared from sight. Hs then "made straight for" the house which belonged to We have the control of the little gate and disappeared from sight. Hs then house which belonged to We have the little gate and disappeared from sight. He house the little gate and disappeared from the little gate and disappeared from sight. He house the little gate and disappeared from sight. which belonged to Mr. Hanley. A new fence had recently been

built about the house "Ob, now, won't I just fix you? Next time you won't try to spank me; if you do, I'll just knock your old block clear off. Just you wait and see, you old prune.

By this time he was about ready to begin work. On the nice new white fence Jamie painted in large red staring letters:

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"Ha! ha! Now won't he just storm around? I'll bet the roof on his old house blows off. Gee! but that sure is a good trick on the

which he might be traced, Jamie departed in a very happy mood. Had'nt he completed his task? But he began to wonder what Mr. Hanley would do when he come home from work.

Why, the best part is yet to come," thought Jamie. "Let's see; where can I hide? Let me think. There's the attic and it has a window. No, I don't like that very well. How many rooms are there in the house? Aw no, I den't want to be in the house! I want o get out behind that big tree in the yard and he won't find me there. Oh boy! that sure am a swell place. Now he don't come home until six o'clock, so I'll wait until after supper to hide there. I can hardly RED STAR Oil Stoves wait until he comes home.

Jamie had forgotten that this was Friday and that Mr. Hanley always got off an hour earlier on Other Oil Stoves Friday than usual.

inspires artists. Judging from the who detested children, came slowly 422 West First st., Albany, Oregon.

work some of them produce we down the road. He looked very

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When he was about ready to oper

never done any harm to anyone. He sat down on a box ourside the yard to try to think it all out, and Have 'em fixed at Jewett's see if he could think of the guilty

It was about six by this time, so Jamie thought he had better burry to his hiding place. He was running along-he believed in going early to avoid the rush-and My thoughts stray from this and when he got to the gate he nearly ran over Mr. Hanley, the

"Oh-er, I beg your pardon," stammered Jamie.

"Beg your pardon nothin'. For all who will accept of him, know you, you young rascal. Obey his commands and do his work. What do you want, anyway?" roared Mr. Hanley.

Jamie stared at him for a moment, when suddenly an inspiration "Dad sent me down after your big pipe wrench," Jamie said in a

very mannerly way. "May I have it, please?"
"Why, sure, come right along."
replied the now calm Mr. Hanley. 'I wonder who was down here this afternoon. It sure does look

"Oh, thank you very much for the wrench, Mr. Hanley." said Jamie taking it from him.

The 'innocent' lad then departed, very happy to think that he had "pulled the wool over his eyes" so easily.

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